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FOR: APPARATUS MANAGEMENT :  
METHOD, APPARATUS  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND  
APPARATUS MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM PRODUCT

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.

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